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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to

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**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The foregoing document came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that document WO 03/074421, cited in the European Search Report, was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated March 19, 2007, and is not provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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